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1. DEPARTMENT APPRECIATES EMBASSY'S COMMENTS CONTAINED REFTEL CONCERNING POSSIBLE MEXICAN INTEREST IN RENEWED NEGOTIATIONS. REGARDLESS OF OTHER CONSIDERATIONS, USG NEGOTIATING SCHEDULE IS PARTICULARLY FULL THROUGH THE END OF THIS YEAR, AND IT WOULD BE VERY DIFFICULT FOR DEPARTMENT AND CAB REPRESENTATIVES TO PARTICIPATE IN TALKS BEFORE EARLY 1977.

2. DEPARTMENT CONCURS WITH EMBASSY'S COMMENTS IN PARA 9 REFTEL THAT BEFORE CONTEMPLATING ANY NEW NEGO-TIATIONS WE WOULD NEED STRONG INDICATION OF THE EXTENT TO WHICH GOM IS NOW READY TO ACCEPT U.S. POSITION EXPRESSED DURING THE MARCH 1976 CONSULTATIONS IN MEXICO CITY. IN VIEW OF PREVIOUS LACK OF INTEREST ON
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REASONABLE ARRANGEMENT, WE WOULD BE RELUCTANT TO HOLD A FURTHER ROUND OF TALKS, EVEN IF IT WERE ADMINISTRATIVELY POSSIBLE TO DO SO.

3. DEPARTMENT CONCURS WITH EMBASSY'S VIEWS THAT NO FORMAL RESPONSE TO MEXICAN FEELERS SHOULD BE MADE IN ABSENCE OF MORE CONCRETE INDICATIONS OF MEXICAN POSITION. INFORMALLY, EMBASSY MAY EXPRESS ITS APPRECIATION OF THE MEXICAN DESIRE TO ENCOURAGE TOURISM AND MAY REITERATE OUR LONGSTANDING WISH TO CONCLUDE A NEW ROUTE ARRANGEMENT WITH MEXICO IN ORDER TO PROMOTE THEIR TOURISM INTERESTS AS WELL AS THE INTERESTS OF OUR OWN AIRLINES. HOWEVER, EMBASSY MAY THEN POINT OUT THAT SINCE AN EARLY START FOR TALKS IS DIFFICULT IN VIEW OF OUR EXISTING NEGOTIATING COMMITMENTS, THE DEPARTMENT WOULD STILL APPRECIATE RECEIVING FROM THE GOM SPECIFIC PROPOSALS CONCERNING MATTERS TO BE DISCUSSED WHENEVER CIVIL AIR NEGOTIATIONS ARE RESUMED. KISSINGER

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